

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 8063

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Off Framework agencies.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

1. How many shifts has your trust used Thornbury Nursing Services for between 1st – 28th February 2023

2. Within this timeframe, please can you list the number of shifts filled by ward or department that Thornbury were used in.

3. Please name all other Off Framework agencies that were utilised within this timeframe (1st – 28th February 2023)

4. How many shifts were filled during this time frame by these agencies (1st – 28th February 2023)

5. Within this same timeframe, please list the number of shifts filled, by ward or department.

6. Please list all suppliers with a general band 5 day charge rate of £50 per hour

7. Please list all suppliers with a general band 5 night charge rate of £55 per hour.

Trust response:

- 1.9
- 2. Paediatrics
- 3. None
- 4. Not applicable
- 5. Not applicable
- 6. Exemption 43 has been applied to this question.

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The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the

commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

## **Supplier Transactions**

All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: <a href="http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/">www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/</a>